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FOR FEBRUARY 7-13, 1975

REF: ALBERTI/DUGSTAD TELECON FEB 14

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1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY

A. AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 1975, 51 COLUMNS OF TROOPS
CONSISTING OF 663 MEN ARE OPERATING IN THE KEY THREE-STATE
AREA IN DESTRUCTION OF MARIHUANA AND POPPY PLANTS.

B. ESTIMATES BASED ON COMPASS TRIP REFERRALS AND VISUAL
RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS INDICATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 4,500
FIELDS OF POPPIES, RANGING FROM ONE-HALF TO ONE AND ONE-
HALF ACRES EACH, ARE PRESENTLY UNDER CULTIVATION. AT THE
PRESENT RATE OF DESTRUCTION BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE FIFTY-
ONE COLUMNS OF TROOPS, IT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY
FORTY-TWO WEEKS TO DESTROY THE CROPS.

C. DUE TO MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH SUPPORT HELICOPTER,
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COLUMNS OF TROOPS ARE NOT BEING FULLY UTILIZED IN THE

ERADICATION. COLUMNS HAVE BEGUN TO DEPEND ON HELICOPTERS TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY WILL NOT SEARCH OUT PLANTATIONS ON THEIR OWN. HELICOPTER MAINTENANCE CONTINUES TO BE THE MOST CRITICAL PROBLEM.

D. ROADBLOCK OPERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS DESIGNED TO INTERDICT THE TRAFFIC OF DRUGS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN AN ACCEPTABLE FASHION THROUGHOUT THE THREE-STATE AREA.

E. ON JANUARY 11, THE FIRST COMPASS TRIP PHOTO MOSAICS WERE DELIVERED TO THE COORDINATOR OF THE CAMPAIGN. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT, IN THE FUTURE, PHOTO MOSAICS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE COORDINATOR ON A MORE TIMELY BASIS.

F. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

MARIJUANA	
FIELDS DESTROYED	317
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	748,750M ²
POPPY	
FIELDS DESTROYED	489
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	1,022,025M ²
MIXED	
FIELDS DESTROYED	30
AREA IN SQUARE METERS	192,000M ²

G. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK:

HEROIN	2.1 KG
OPIUM GUM	5.65 KG
MARIJUANA (DRY)	4.029 TONS
POPPY SEEDS	1.5 KG
ARRESTS	19
VEHICLES	4
AIRCRAFT	1

H. HEROIN LABORATORIES:
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2 SEIZED; ONE IN SAN JOSE DE BARRANGO, SINALOA, THE OTHER IN CALIACAN.

2. COMMENTS. ALTHOUGH THE TROOPS WERE LARGELY WITHOUT HELICOPTER SUPPORT DURING THE WEEK, THEY MANAGED TO ERADICATE AN IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT OF POPPIES. THE SLOWNESS OF THE RATE OF ERADICATION IN RELATION TO THE LARGE

AMOUNT TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IS AT LEAST PARTIALLY THE
RESULT OF LITTLE HELICOPTER SUPPORT. THIS PROBLEM SHOULD
IMPROVE QUICKLY, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THE PARTS
NEEDED FOR THE DOWNED 212 HELICOPTERS WILL BE DELIVERED
BY THIS WEEKEND AND ALL THREE 212'S SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL
IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT
CONASUPO (GOM PURCHASING AGENCY) HAS THE NEEDED FOOD
SUPPLIES STOCKPILED IN CULIACAN, READY FOR DISTRIBUTION
TO BASES WHEN THEY BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL (WHICH,
WE UNDERSTAND, SHOULD BE NEXT WEEK). JOVA

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